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HYDEL POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether pace of hydel power projects has been very slow despite encouraging these projects;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to accelerate the pace of hydel power projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The constraints which have affected hydro development are :

- Constraints of survey and investigation.
- Lack of infrastructure.
- Geological uncertainties.
- Resettlement & rehabilitation problems.
- Inter-state aspects.
- Environment and forest clearance problems.
- Law and order problems.
- Land acquisition problems.
- Natural calamities like flash floods.
- Inadequate funding in some State Sector projects.

(c) & (d) : The Government is according high priority to exploit the untapped hydro- electric potential in the country. A capacity addition of 14,393 MW from hydro projects is to be achieved during the 10th Plan. The hydro-electric projects of above 25 MW beingexecuted under Central Sector, State Sector and Private Sector are being regularlymonitored at various levels. Government of India has introduced three-stage development of hydro-electric projects in the Central Sector with the object of reducing time and cost over-runs during the implementation of these projects. A basin wise `Ranking Study` of all the balance hydro-electric potential which is yet to be exploited has been carried out by the CEA and discussions with the State Governments have beeninitiated to finalise an Action Plan for their subsequent development.